

AN OVERLOOKED TITLE BY C. V. RILEY ON THE COLORADO POTATO BEETLE

Through the kindness of Dr. C. H. Hadley, I recently came into the possession of a little book on the Colorado potato beetle by C. V. Riley, entitled "The Colorado Beetle. With suggestions for its repression and methods of destruction." This was printed in London by Bradbury, Agnew & Co., and published in London by George Routledge and Sons in 1877. It is $6\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ inches and consists of 123 pages, bound in so-called "picture boards." In this particular case, the picture is a large colored illustration of the potato beetle. The book appears to be one of a series issued by the publisher and probably sold for a shilling.

This title does not appear in the "Bibliography of the more important contributions to American economic entomology. Part III. The more important writings of Charles Valentine Riley. By Samuel D. Henshaw" (U. S. Department of Agriculture, Division of Entomology, Washington, 1899), and my only reason for mentioning this fifty years after the bibliography was published is that the omission offends (not seriously) my sense of order.

In the New York Tribune for April 1, 1874, March 17, 1875, and April 2, 1875, Riley called attention to the danger of importing *Leptinotarsa decemlineata* into Europe, criticized European articles on the insect, and methods adopted by several European countries to guard against the importation of the beetle and said that the climate of Europe would not be against it.

In 1876 The Orange Judd Company of New York brought out Riley's "Potato pests. Being an illustrated account of the Colorado potato beetle and other insect foes of the potato in North America, with suggestions for their repression and methods for their destruction" (108 p., 49 figs., map). A comparison of the table of contents of this book, as given by Henshaw, with the actual contents of the 1877 London edition leads me to believe that they are more or less identical insofar as the account of the Colorado potato beetle is concerned.

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